

call? Senator Chambers, we either have to have a machine.... Thank you. Proceed with the roll call, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 2114-15 of the Legislative Journal.) 32 ayes, 9 nays on the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR LABEDZ: LB 767 is advanced. Before we go on to the next bill, Mr. Clerk, we have 35 seventh and eighth graders from Silver Creek and their teacher. They are in the north balcony and they are guests of Senator Rod Johnson. Would you please stand and be recognized by the members of the Unicameral. Next bill, Mr. Clerk. The call is raised.

CLERK: Madam President, the next bill is 182. It's a bill introduced by Senator Withem. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 9, referred to the Education Committee, advanced to General File. I have Education Committee amendments pending, Madam President.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Withem, would you like to take the committee amendments.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Madam President. Members of the body, I would ask your attention to this matter. I usually don't have a strong enough ego that it bothers me when members listen or don't listen. But this is an incredibly important piece of legislation. I'm going to walk through it slowly, carefully, trying to imitate the style of Vard Johnson even, it's that important a piece of legislation. And I'm going to walk through that diligently, try to get everything done in 10 min...laid out in the 10 minutes explanation here of the committee amendments. This is an incredibly important piece of legislation in that the knowledge that I have of this bill leads me to believe that the very education of thousands of Nebraska students may be in jeopardy if we don't pass 182 in some form this session. Nonresident tuition, for those of you that have been around, know, is an incredibly difficult, hard topic to understand. It is basically that tax that is levied on a Class I school district for the purpose of allowing those students of that Class I school district to attend high school. It is a problem that will be returning to the Legislature time and time again until we resolve the school reorganization question, a little private plug there. We are holding all reorganization issues this year, as most of you know, pending what I hope will be, and I genuinely hope and believe we can have a very productive study